



*July 20, 2012*

The **Board of Mayor and Aldermen** along with the **City's Leadership Team** attended a strategic planning work session this week at the **Eastern Flank Battlefield Park club house**. This was a work session for the board to look at Franklin from a "20,000 foot view." They had the opportunity to consider what Franklin may look like 30 years down the road and how the City can work to shape that future. The meeting was facilitated by **Dr. Bob Smith**, a recently retired university president and Franklin resident, who has been reviewing the board meetings, and meeting with the Aldermen (and me) individually to discuss Franklin's future. This was an opportunity for the board to meet together to start setting strategic goals as a board. The Leadership Team mostly observed, but was there for support and give some feedback. We'll be having further sessions like these in the near future that will include dialogue with staff and the Board regarding their strategic priorities for the City. Thank you to the Board and Leadership team for this successful start to what I hope will be a very fruitful planning tool. A special thanks to **Vicki Parr** for coordinating the event logistics (no small challenge!).



Congratulations to our new **Deputy Chief of Operations at the Franklin Police Department Chris Gentry**. Gentry was selected from a pool of six internal candidates who competed for the position. Deputy Chief Gentry has a Master of Science degree from Indiana University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has served the Department since 1990. Deputy Chief Gentry has 30 years of military service. He is a recently promoted Brigadier General in the US Army Reserve. The Department's Senior

Command Staff is comprised of Chief David Rahinsky and three deputy chiefs: Deputy Chief Bruce Bateman, Deputy Chief Chris Gentry, and Deputy Chief Mike Jordan. Read more on our website.

<http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?page=25&recordid=1527>

**Purchasing Director Brian Wilcox** staffed a City of Franklin booth at Metro Nashville's Business Symposium 2012, an outreach to small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses, held yesterday. This event is organized by the Metro Nashville Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance which invited the City of Franklin to be one of about 35 exhibitors. The target audience was local small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses that could be potential vendors to the City. Well over 100 such vendors attended. We believe Franklin was the only public entity there outside of Metro Nashville and the State of Tennessee.

Just in time for the upcoming Sesquicentennial, the **City of Franklin Parks Department** is launching a **Franklin Historic Parks audio cell phone tour**. Visitors, residents, and students will get a short history lesson simply by dialing a number on their phone. The tour is available to Spanish speaking visitors and is ADA compliant as those participating can call from their car, home or classroom. Visitors can call 615.216.1597 then follow the prompts to hear about 11 historic sites in ten of Franklin's historic parks. The parks included in the audio cell phone tour include:

**Winstead Hill, Assault on the Cotton Gin, Rest Haven Cemetery, City Cemetery, the Park at Harlinsdale Farm, Fort Granger/Roper's Knob, Collins Farm, and Eastern Flank Battle Park.** These audio segments are also available on our website. Here's the

link: <http://www.franklintn.gov/index.aspx?page=866>

**Praise for Solid Waste and City team.** I wanted to share with you a thank you from a citizen passed along by another City team member. Great job to our City team, especially our Solid Waste folks. Here it is:

Eric-

*This morning, Clayton Hicks, a citizen of Franklin, was in my office discussing some faulty workmanship on his home. As Mr. Hicks was on his way out, he shook my hand and told me how much he enjoyed living in this City, and how well he thought of the services that we provide. In particular, he mentioned **Solid Waste employees**, and spent several minutes talking about how much he appreciated how they do their job. Just thought I would pass along this job well done.*

*Sincerely,*

**Chris Bridgewater, CBO, MCP**

Many of you responded with some great captions for **Mark Hilty's** humorous photo with Tennessean reporter Kevin Walters. Here's a look at the responses. Please vote at this link. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/captioncontest2012> Voting will be open until Sunday evening and we'll reveal the results Monday morning. ***If you have a silly or interesting photo you would like us to use in a future ebrief for a caption contest similar to this one, please send it my way!*** Good Luck to all the entrants!



- Here he comes to save the day; Mighty Mark is on the way" (theme to Mighty Mouse).
- Gilligan, why are you taking my picture? Go crack some coconuts! I'm thirsty!
- Never being camera shy, Water Director Mark Hilty begins his inspirational version of "I'm a little teapot."
- Now THAT's what I call high quality H2O!" (from Adam

Sandler's "Waterboy")

- I AM Mark Hilty, protector of ALL things water. I will strike down those who say otherwise with my laser glance!
- When my girlfriend nags me she puts her hands on her hips and looks like this.....Wait, this is off the record right?
- Mark Hilty shows Kevin Walters how to do the Irish River Dance on the Banks of the Famed Franklin Water Reservoir
- No Kevin, I am not wearing a blue bag, I am the Water and Waste Water Director today, next question.
- It just does, Kevin. I can't explain why it feels so good to be a gangster.
- Water Management Director Mark Hilty strikes a pose for the Tennessean at the city's water reservoir.
- I don't always drink water, but when I do, I pour a tall glass straight from the tap. (think Dos Equis – Most Interesting Man in the world)

Utility Billing's Therese Carrier is the winner of the Mayor's parking spot next week! Ann Murphy of Utility Billing nominated Therese. She said, "I would like to nominate Therese Carrier for the mayor's parking space. Therese did a great job in researching and handling of the retention records. Our department was ready and waiting when the shredding vendor arrived. Thanks to Therese and Ann Lopez." Great job, Therese! Therese will begin parking in the Mayor's spot on Monday, July 23.

**We're getting short on nominees!** If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at [agoodjob@franklintn.gov](mailto:agoodjob@franklintn.gov) Think of someone who has not received this honor before and recognize their hard work...It doesn't have to be in City Hall!

Have a nice weekend. Thanks for all you do!

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